

REMARKS

Claims 11-15, 17-20, and 22 are now pending in the application. Claims 1-5, 7, 9, and 10 are cancelled without disclaimer or prejudice to the subject matter contained therein. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Woods et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 7,058,834) in view of Stapleton et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,574,577). Claims 7 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stapleton et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,574,577) in view of Heimbigner (U.S. Pat. No. 4,363,978). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Although Applicant disagrees with the Examiner, Applicant cancels claims 1-5, 7, 9, and 10 to facilitate prosecution.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER


The Examiner states that claims 11-15, 17-20, and 22 are allowed. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowable subject matter.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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